

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/516,344 Confirmation No. 9502  
Applicant : Mertin et al.  
Filed : November 30, 2004  
Title : ORAL PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATIONS  
COMPRISING ION EXCHANGE RESINS WITH ACTIVE SUBSTANCE  
LOADING AND PSEUDOPLASTIC GEL-FORMER THICKENERS  
Group Art Unit : 1618  
Examiner : Paul Dickinson

**VIA EFS – 09/22/09**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

The Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time up to and including September 24, 2009, to respond to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2009, in the above-referenced application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), the required fee of \$1,110 is included herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any overpayment or underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4260.

Respectfully submitted,  
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